

**DD/P 4-6151**

15 June 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director, Photographic Intelligence Center

**SUBJECT :** ATIC Request for Use of Project Processing Facilities for Special Film Handling

**REFERENCE :** Memo for DD/P from D/PIC dated 10 June 1959, Same Subject (PIC/D-115-59) (DD/P 4-6150)

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1. I would of course be happy to have us help out ATIC as a whole and Major Charles Randall in particular by arranging for the processing of Project [REDACTED] film [REDACTED] provided only that this would not overload the facility and seriously delay the processing of other film. Since we are not currently particularly active [REDACTED] I hardly see how this could happen. If we enter into such an arrangement, I assume the original negative would go to the Air Force which would control distribution of all kinds of duplicates of the [REDACTED] film but I hope that they would let us have a duplicate if you want one. I would not, however, make this a condition of our help.

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2. Although I feel we should always try to be helpful in a matter of this kind, I am somewhat bothered by your statement that AFCIN does not agree with the procedure proposed by Major Randall. Perhaps if they realized that the Air Force would retain full control of the [REDACTED] material, AFCIN would withdraw its objection, but I suppose their feeling is that they want to encourage the use of facilities manned by Air Force personnel. Whatever the reason for AFCIN's views, my only concern is that, in being helpful to ATIC, we should not appear to be taking sides in an intra-Air Force argument.

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3. Although I am a little at a loss as to what to suggest, I wonder if you could not proceed as follows: Tell Major Randall that we would be delighted to make the facility available, that he will retain control of the product, but that we are placed in a very awkward position if he asks us to keep this secret from AFCIN; ask him whether he cannot, now that he has

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our assurance of a favorable reply, tell AFCIN what he is doing; and conclude that at a minimum we would have to have a formal request from Commander, ATIC, which we would have to be able to show to AFCIN if we were ever challenged on the propriety of our action.

4. Your referenced memorandum makes no comment on the financial aspects of this matter. Would ATIC propose to pay at least the direct costs (direct labor plus materials) on work done for them or are they asking us to foot the bill? I would not absolutely rule out the latter but believe the former would be more appropriate.

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